



607.08 Use of Oleoresin Capsicum

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607.08-1 Policy

The chemical agent Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) is authorized by the Jail Administrator to be carried inside the Hendry County Sheriff's Office Jail facility by Certified Detention Deputies trained in the proper use of the chemical agent. Outside entities shall not bring OC into a HCSO Jail facility.

607.08-2 Responsibilities

- I. Detention Deputies qualified to carry and use OC shall:
 - A. Complete required instruction by designated, certified HCSO instructors.
 - B. Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Sheriff or designee the ability to carry and effectively and safely use such device.
 - C. Be trained annually in the proper use of the agent to include the treatment of exposed individuals.

607.08-3 Conditions of Use

- I. When use of force is necessary, OC shall be used only with caution and only by Deputies trained in proper use.
- II. OC shall be used only when Deputies believe the use necessary to control inmate(s) when that level of force is the least likely to cause injuries to staff or inmates.
- III. OC may be used prior to the use of physical force when Deputies believe the device may be used in a safe and efficient manner.
- IV. OC shall never be used to punish an inmate.
- V. Authorization for use of OC on-duty shall not be interpreted to mean authorization to use OC off-duty. Concurrently certified members may carry OC off-duty if arrest authorization has been granted to the member.

607.08-4 Report of Use

Every use of OC shall be immediately reported to the appropriate supervisor. Initial reporting shall be followed by an Incident Report and an Assailant Control Report. Reports shall be submitted no later than the conclusion of the Deputy's tour of duty.

607.08-5 Accountability

- I. Authorized Deputies shall be required to carry OC while on duty and shall be responsible for the proper care and custody of assigned OC containers, and ensure the canister date is current.
- II. Deputies shall report all incidents of lost, damaged, inoperative, or devices with expired dates to appropriate supervisors.
- III. Shift Supervisors shall conduct daily informal inspections of staff to ensure compliance with this Directive.

REFERENCES

State/Federal Regulations:

Florida Model Jail Standards

FCAC:

N/A

PREA:

N/A

Forms:

Incident Report

Assailant Control Report

Other Policy/ Procedure References:

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